

A number of requests have been made. Will the Government consider now at least?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—As far as the Government is concerned, we have received one request only and that I have mentioned.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—When are you going to appoint a midwife?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—After getting the proposals and properly examining them.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Has not the D.M.O. examined the questions and made proposals for the appointment of a midwife?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Government are not aware.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know whether a request was made by the Mandal Congress Committee and when that request was received by the Government?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Since the answers were printed, we did get a request and that is being considered and that is under examination.

Promotion of I Division Clerks to the Executive Cadre.

Q.—2369. Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government issued orders in the latter half of 1955 for the promotion of I Division Clerks of the Labour Department to the executive cadre in the ratio of 1 : 2;

(b) the number of executive posts which have fallen vacant since September 1955 and the number of them that have been classed as promotional;

(c) the number of I Division clerks of the Department who have since been promoted to the executive cadre;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) 25 vacancies have occurred since September 1955, out of which 9

vacancies only have been classified as promotional.

(c) One Accountant and 8 First Division Clerks.

(d) The question does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—I have no supplementaries.

Prevalence of "Virus" Disease in Sorab Taluk.

Q.—2737. Smt. RATHNAMMA MADHAVA RAO (Shimoga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the prevalence of 'Virus' disease in certain parts of Sorab Taluk, Shimoga District;

(b) if so, the action taken by them to prevent the spread of the disease to the other parts of Malnad area in Shimoga District?

A.—Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Investigation and follow up of all the cases.

(ii) Treatment of patients properly.

(iii) Hospitalisation of severe cases.

(iv) Assisting the V.R.C. team in their investigations.

(v) Spraying the houses of infected and neighbouring villages with Gammaxene of Hixidole.

(vi) Inoculation of the population under risk.

(vii) Conducting investigations regarding this disease on the field in the Vaccine Institute and at Malaria Investigation Centre, Mandya.

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ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—Preventive measures ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.